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COUCHES,

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low price of.

CASH OR CREDIT.

INSANE MAN, IN MURDEROUS FRENZY, ATTACKS HIS FAMILY.

Kills Aged Boarder, Wounds His Mother and Sister and Ends by Shooting Himself.

Lapeer, Mich., Dec. 16.-John Best, aged 28, single, a man of disordered mind, arose from his bed last night and cut Jasper Clerg's head nearly off with a razor, dangerously wounded his own mother, wounded his eister, and finished by shooting himself to death.

Clegg, who was 60 years of age, boarded at the Best home. Best was committed to the insane asylum about a year ago, but six months later was discharged as cured.

The orimes of the insure man occurred The crimes of the insane man occurred after 1 o'clock this morning. Best, it appears, went first to the sleeping-room of Clerg. He attacked Clerg with the razor, probably before the old man awoke.

The victim's throat was slashed so deeply that the head was nearly severed from this body. The blade of the razor was broken by striking a bone.

The murderer then evidently returned to his own room and to bed. The bedding in his room is covered with blood. At a later hour he again arose and went to the room

THE PRISONER

Who escapes from jail is by no means free. He is under the ban of the law and punishment is written over against

his name. Soon or late he will be caught again and bear added punishment for his short escape from his cell. Those who by the use of palliative powders and tablets escape for a time . from the sufferings of dyspepsia are in the same condition as the escaped prisoner. Soon or late they will go back to the old condition and pay an added penalty for temporary release. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discov-

ery cures dyspepsia and other diseases of the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition. Its cures are lasting.

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I suffered from a very obstinate case of dyspepsia," writes R. E. Secord, Esq., of 13 Eastern Ave., Toronto, Ontario. "I tried a great number of remedies without success. I finally lost faith in them all. I was so far gone that I could not bear any solid food on my stomach for a long time; felt melancholy and depressed. Could not sleep or follow my occupation (tinsmith). Some four months ago a friend recommended your 'Golden Medical Discovery.' After a week's treatment I had derived so much benefit that I continued the medicine. I have taken three bottles and am convinced it has in my cose accomplished a permanent cure. I can conscientiously recommend it to the thousands of dyspeptics throughout the lead."

Accept no substitute for "Golden Med-

Accept no substitute for "Golden Medical Discovery." There is nothing "just as good" for diseases of the stomach, blood and lungs.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets stimulate of his mother. He struck Mrs. Best a blow with the damaged razor, but it fell short, though her chin was nearly cut off. She sprang out of bed, grappled with the crazy man and made her way to the door. Here she broke away from him and ran to a neighbor's house, where she telephoned for a Sheriff.

a Sherin.

Best next invaded the sleeping-room of his sister and slashed her across the cheek When Best heard Sheriff Myers entering the house he appeared with a revolver and began shooting wild. He aimed the last shot at his own head and fell dead.

BRESNAHAN AN OLD OFFENDER.

Recognized as Man Who Attacked Wedesmeyer Three Years Ago.

H. Wedesmeyer of No. 1446 O'Fallon street, on November 29, 1859, wrote a letter to Office of Police Campbell, informing him that he had been held up and robbed of \$2 by Frank, alias "Dutch," Bresnahan and another man.

Wedesmeyer rend in The Republic yesterday that "Dutch" Bresnahan is under arrest at the Four Courts, and he called at Chief Desmond's office. He asked to see the prisoner, and when Bresnahan was led out readily identified him as his assistant of three years ago. Wedesmeyer tolds Chief Desmond that he had written a letter to Chief Campbell at the time, and the files were examined. The letter was found and Wedesmeyer swore out a warrant, charging Bresnahan, who several years ago gained the sobriquet "Little Lord Fauntleroy," was arrested Sunday night by Detectives Schmidt and McCarthy. He is wanted as a fugitive from justice at the Reformatory at Pontiac, Ill.

The name "Little Lord Fauntleroy" was given to Bresnahan, as he worked in a suit like that worn by the box of the story book given to Bresnahan, as he worked in a suit like that worn by the boy of the story book while picking the pockets of persons in the crowds at the World's Fair in Chicago.

TRANSIT COMPANY JUDGMENTS. Two Persons Obtain Verdicts Ag-

gregating \$11,500. Harry Burleigh, aged 16 years, obtained judgment in Judge Ferriss's division of the Circuit Court yesterday against the St. Louis Transit Company for \$5,000 for the loss of an arm. According to the evidence, he was thrown from a car of the Park avenue division, near Vandeventer avenue, April 19 last, and another car ran over his arm, erushing it. april 19 last, and another car ran over his arm, crushing it.

Bertha Keim obtained judgment against the St. Louis Transit Company in Jurge Fisher's division of the Circuit Court for \$5,000 for injuries sustained in a collision at King's highway and Arsenal street December 28, 1901.

SCENE IN ST. JOSEPH COURT. Husband and Wife Faint When He

Is Convicted of Murder. REPUBLIC SPECIAL St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 16.—There was an emotional scene in the Criminal Court today when a jury brought in a verdict con-victing Mark Dunn of the murder of Alfred Fenton, a wealthy farmer who lived in the south part of the county. Upon hearing his fate, Duun jumped upon a chair and ex-

"Before God, I am innocent."
Then he fell in a faint on the floor. His wife swooned and fell beside him. A 1-year-old child she held in her arms during the trial narrowly escaped injury.

Killed by Caving Clay Bank.

Tony Beraine a clay miner, was killed by the caving in of a clay bank at Evans & Howard's clay mines, Barron and Manichester avenues, vesterday morning. Beraine was buried under the clay for nearly an hour, while his companions were digging to rescue him. The body was taken to the morgue, Beraine lived at No. 5221

Patton avenue.

Warrant Against Frank Brown.

Mrs. Nettie Hammond of No. 1998 North warrant charging Frank Brown with attempted assault. Mrs. Hammond claims that Brown attacked her in her store, Brown denies the charge. He claims to be employed by the Wabash Rallway, and says he was at one time a Chicago policeman.

WHOLESALE GROCERY HOUSE TO BE OPENED ON EAST SIDE.

Diehm-Fansler Company Will Start Business on January 1 in a New Field.

A wholesale grocery house will be located in East St. Louis after the 1st of January. It has been organized by Albert Diehm and Joseph Fansler and will be known as the Diehm-Fansler Grocery Company.

The concern is incorporated under the laws of Illinois and capitalized at \$50,000, most of which is paid up. The firm has se-cured a lease for six months on the Library building, at Broadway and Eight street, and will start business there. It is the inten-tion to cater to the retail trade in Illinois and Missouri, with the exception of the city of St. Lous.

The majority of the stockholders are per-

sons engaged in the retail grocery business, and the new arm will be run on the co-operative plan. Three traveling representatives will be employed at first, and this force will be increased as business war-East St. Louis has long had the reputation of being the largest city in the country without a house of this character. Its proximity to this city and the difficulty in proximity to this city and the difficulty in securing a suitable location to conduct a wholesale business have been the main objections. The promoters argue that they will be able to sell groceries much cheaper than St. Louis houses, because the bridge toils will be avoised. In many cases this toil has been double, as the goods were first shipped to local houses and then back to Illinois towns.

Mr. Diehm and Mr. Fansler have been engaged in the grocety business for many years with other firms.

ROBBED BANK IN DAYLIGHT. Three Desperadoes Scoop Up \$20,-000 at Hillsboro, Tex.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. El Paso, Tex., Dec. 16.-Details of the robbery of the Hillsboro (N. M.) Bank have reached this city. Three men, with six-shooters covered the cashier at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Two men in the bank were bound and gagged. The cashier, having been told to stand still and deliver the keys, without parley did as told.

One robber scooped up the cash, estimated at \$20,000, and the trio walked out and rode for the Northern part of Sierra County, heading towards the Black range. About midnight they were galloping through the mining town of Fairview. A Sheriff's posse had by that time been put in pursuit. n pursuit. Sher if Goodell of Silver City has posses

Sher ff Goodell of Silver City has posses in various directions, scouring the country. At Bisbee the robbers eladed their pursuers and caught a train for Hachita, going to Douglas, and it is thought, crossed the border into Mexico, after a fruitless pursuit by Deputy Sheriff A. L. Strickland. Bankers here say that the robbers could not have secured more than \$5.000, although others say that several cattlemen had just made large deposits I. C. Long, a merchant of Hillsboro, in El Paso to-day, says that the robbers secured at least \$20,000. The bank is owned by Pennsylvania capitalists.

talists.

It is the custom of buyers to pay cattlemen in drafts in 'solated places like Hillsboro to prevent robberies. It is likely that the robbers secured many drafts, as well as cash. The bandits are said not to resemble typical desperadces.

Warrant Against Frank Brown.

TURKEYS ARE SCARCE FOR CHRISTMAS TRADE

Quoted in St. Louis Market at 17.1-2 Cents and May Go Higher.

CHICKENS MORE PLENTIFUL

Strong Demand Is Anticipated for Rabbit Meat and the Price of That Commodity Is Advancing.

The turkey outlook for Christmas is, indeed, a gloomy one, so far as St. Louis is concerned. Local dealers have a very light supply on hand and this has already been

contracted for or sold to the trade. The indications are that there will be one of the lightest turkey markets this Christmas even known before in the city. Game and poultry dealers on Third street leclare that the farmers themselves have but a few of the great American birds on hand, and they are helding them until they think the prices have reached the highest

Turkeys were selling yesterday for 1715 ents, dressed, at wholesale, on Third street. and there were only a few of them to be had at that price. Live turkeys were disposed of at 15 and 151, cents wholesale. It has been reported that the Armour and Swift Packing Companies have had repre-sentatives working in Missouri buying up all the turkeys to be found, offering the prices for which the bird was being sold in St. Louis at wholesale, and sending the

purchases to Chicago. Third street commission men say that either Armour or Swift have bought many

neither Armour or Swift have bought many turkeys in Missouri. They argue that the farmers throughout the State have very few turkeys on hand, and they are clinging to them with the hope of getting a record-breaking price.

The commission men declare that before Christmas, turkeys will be retailing for 25 cents a pound; in fact, some of them say that the wholesale price may even go as high as 25. The market has been almost ceaned out, and the shipments are very light, so that at the close of business yesterday evening there were but few turkeys on Third street.

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Besides the scarcity of turkey the season has produced, so far, an unusually light rabbit supply, and the price at which "bunnie" is being quoted makes the meat somewhat luxurious this year. Rabbits are being sold for 10, 15 and 25 cents each.

Chickens, according to the commission men, will be the least expensive for Christmas. The market is well stocked with chickens and the price, 8 cents, is considered remarkably low. The supply is larger than has been seen on Third street for many days. than has been seen to many days.

There is but little prospect, local dealers declare, for the price of turkey going any lower than that quoted yesterday, but there is good prespect for the price going much higher unless the market is well supplied from some unexpected quarters.

EXPECT A BIG ATTENDANCE.

Local Committees Prepared to Entertain 1,200 School Teachers.

A final meeting to prepare for the convention of the teachers of Missouri, which opens on December 29, was held yesterd.y, attended by principals and teachers. The various commit—suppointed by Assistant Superintendent Murphy made their reports and Assistant Superingendent Ben Blewett, chairman of the Executive Committee, who has directed all the work, summarized the preparations. He urged the teachers to sustain the reputation of St. Louis for hospitality, and especially to make the opening tality, and especially to make the opening reception a success.

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The report of C. G. Rothmann showed that 1.50 teachers can be accommodated at the hofels at moderate rates, and that 150 more can be entertained in private houses. For the benefit of the ladies entering the city a special bureau of information will be maintained in the women's waiting-room at Union Station, and twenty-five messenger boys will be on hand to guide them to their destinations. w. J. S. Bryan reported that the High W. J. S. Bryan reported that the High School, where the sessions of the contentions will be held, will be decorated with 720 pictures of school ornam-nitation, in addition to the many master e.e. of art loaned by wealthy patrons. A catalogue of these, for the benefit of the delegates, has been prepared by Professor A. O. Sylvester.

The Reception Committee is under the direction of John S. Collins. Miss A. C. Fruchte has charge of decorations, and will be assisted by the entire corps of apprentice teachers in ornamenting the building and in serving refreshments.

W. J. Hawkins reported that a one-rate fare has been granted by all the railroads, and that the days for purchase of tickets will be December 28, 27, 28, 29 and 30. The tickets will be sold on the certificage plan, expiring January 3.

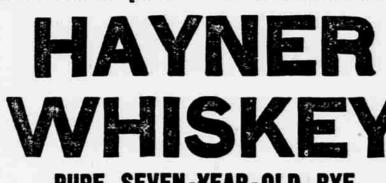
Something good for Christmas

During the holiday season, when good cheer everywhere prevails, there is nothing nicer to have in the house than a little good whiskey, and besides, your physician will tell you it is excellent in many cases of sickness. But you must have good whiskey, pure whiskey. You don't want to drink poor whiskey yourself, much less offer it to your friends, while as a medicine, poor whiskey, adulterated whiskey, may do you decided harm.

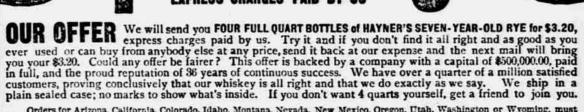
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PARTIAL REPORT IS MADE BY DECEMBER GRAND JURY.

Eighteen Indictments Returned in Misdemeanor Cases and Election Frauds Taken Up.

The December Grand Jury yesterday made its first partial report, returning eighteen indictments to Judge Ryan. Immediately after making the report the Grand Jury took up the investigation of election fraud cases. Louis P. Aloe, Election Commissioner, and

Richard M. Johnson, former Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, were among the witnesses. From these witnesses, it is said, the Grand Jury obtained information on which a plan for the investigation is prepared.

It is now the intention, according to information obtained at the Four Courts yesterday, for the Grand Jury to begin with each ward and go through all the precincts where there is evidence that frauds have been committed. The Judges and Clerks of election will be subpoensed as they are needed, and it is believed more than a month will be required. Circuit Attorney Folk will take personal charge of the investigation as soon as the boodle trial with which he is at present ended is completed, and will assist the Grand Jury until January.

The following indictments were returned yesterday: yesterday:

John J. Gilchrist, three counts grand larceny. William Conway, attempted robbery in the William Conway, attempted robbery in the first degree.
Arthur Jefferson, robbery, first degree.
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Charles Harris and Nancy Denart, habitual criminals and robbery, first degree.
John Smith and Resa Phidips habitual criminals and murder in the second degree.
Grant Rocers and William Wright, burgiary, second degree and larceny.
Arthur Jefferson, robbery, first degree.
Benton F. Wigginhouse, embezzlement by executor.
James Ford, burglary, second degree and larceny. Arthur Carter, grand larceny,
Henry Ham, assault to kill,
Otto Illig, habitual criminal and burglary,
first degree.

Ernest Washington, Gloucester Reece and Ed-ward Anderson, burglary, second, degree, and Ernest Washington, Gloucester Recce and Ed-ward Anderson, manicious trespass. Frank Williams, robbery, first degree.

HIS PETITION WAS CHANGED. Someone Substituted "Siberia" for

"Liberia" in Political Paper.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16.-Republican Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 16.—Republican negroes here are in a row over the post of Minister to Liberia. When it was learned that Crossland of St. Joseph was to be recalled for his shooting affair, Professor J. Silas Harris, principal of a negro school here, immediately put forth his claims. Almost as soon as these were asserted, the opposition produced a circular, issued during the recent campaign, signed by Professor Harris, which uphoids Representative Chapman, a Democrat, Against J. P. Fonton, the Republican candidate. This circular was exhibited throughout the Edgest

ron, the Republican candidate. This circular was exhibited throughout the Federal building, the result being that when the Harris petition for appointment as "Minister to Liberia" reached them, it was secretly changed to read "Minister to Siberia."

The negro who had the circular confessed his astonishment at the avidity with which the Roosevelt men were signing his petition. When he found that some one had changed "Liberia" to the name of the Russian penal colony, he declared war on the entire Post Office, Custom-house, Internal Revenue Office and the Secret Service Department. partment.

Noisy Christmas Prohibited.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Harrisburg, Ill., Dec. 16.—The indiscriminate use of firearms during the holidays, which has been the custom heretofore, will be prohibited in this city during the coming the coming to the conforce the law in regard to firing ristels cannon and other weapons within the corporate limits. The custom heretofore has been such that holidays were dreaded because of the careless handling of firearms in the hands of small boys, which made it dangerous for citizens to walk on the streets.

RAIL TAKEN FROM TRACK SENDS TRAIN INTO CREEK.

ST. PAUL. MINN.

Five Cars Follow Locomotive From Treatle, but No Passengers Are Injured by the Accident.

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 16.-Southbound imited train No. 1. Cincinnati to New Orleans on the Alabama Great Southern, was wrecked two miles south of Moundville, Ala., early to-day.

The officials say the wreck was the work

of train wreckers. A rail was removed near a trestle which spans a small creek. Engineer Larkin saw the missing rall too late.

The heavy locemotive left the track and bumped along on the ties until the trestle was reached. It then knocked the trestle down and toppied over into the creek.

The mail, baggage and express cars and two coaches followed, the whole train being plied up in a heap in the creek. Mail Clerks Kelly and Riggs were severely injured, as was Fireman Durr.

No passengers were hurt. The train had but a few passengers aboard. The two seepers remained on the track. spans a small creek. Engineer Larkin saw

Orangeine Checks & Cold. Take two Orangeine Powders, 20 minutes apart, when chilled or exposed.

FELL INTO A CHEMICAL VAT.

George Dorsh Sustained Severe Burns From Acid.

George Dorsh, 42 years old, was badly burned yesterday by falling into a tank of chemicals at the plant of the FeJeral Chemical Company, foot of Dock street. Dorsh was taken to the City Hospital.

The accident becurred yesterday morning about 11 o'clock. The man was carrying a heavy load, and in passing a vat of chemicals slipped and fell.

The vat was shallow and the man did not sink below his waist. His legs and the lower part of the body were severely burned by the acid.

